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SUBJECT: CHINA ISSUE IN INTELSAT

REF: STATE 018237

1. SUMMARY: FRG FONOFF HAS AS YET NO POSITION RE
POSSIBLE INTELSAT CHINA MEMBERSHIP PROBLEM. WHILE
EXPRESSING SYMPATHY WITH US CONCERNS RE CONTINUED ROC
ACCESS TO SYSTEM, FRG WILL HAVE TO REVIEW POLITICAL AND
LEGAL ASPECTS OF POSSIBLE EFFORT TO EXPEL ROC BEFORE
REACHING DECISION ON HOW IT WOULD RESPOND TO PROBLEM
IF IT ARISES AT ASSEMBLY. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPT AS
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REQUESTED BY FONOFF OFFICIAL PARA 3 BELOW WOULD BE

APPRECIATED.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CHINA INTELSAT MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WITH FRG FONOFF OFFICIAL RANDEMAN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE FRG WAS EITHER UNAWARE THAT A CHINA MEMBERSHIP PROBLEM MIGHT ARISE AT THE ASSEMBLY OR HAD NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, RANDEMAN SYMPATHIZED WITH US CONCERN RE ROC ACCESS TO THE INTELSAT SYSTEM AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ALL CONCERNED IF THE CHINA ISSUE DID NOT ARISE AT THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES.

3. RANDEMAN WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE FRG'S EVENTUAL POSITION AT THE ASSEMBLY IF, IN FACT, EFFORTS WERE MADE TO EXPEL THE ROC AND THEN TO DENY IT ACCESS TO THE INTELSAT SYSTEM BEFORE CONSULTING WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE FAR EASTERN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENTS (NEITHER OF WHOM WERE AVAILABLE TODAY). HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE QUESTION OF ROC EXPULSION CAME TO A VOTE THE FRG WOULD MOST LIKELY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO VOTE AGAINST PRC ENTRY. CONTINUED ROC ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM, IN THE EVENT OF EXPULSION, STRUCK RANDEMAN AS POSING BOTH LEGAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS. HE WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT POSITION THE PRC MIGHT TAKE VIS A VIS A CONTINUED INTELSAT LINK FOR TAIWAN. MOREOVER, HE BELIEVED THAT THE ROC'S LEGAL STATUS RE UTILIZATION OF THE SYSTEM AS A NONMEMBER WOULD REQUIRE INVESTIGATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THIS POINT IN GREATER DETAIL. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT DEVELOP AS TO HOW THE CHINA QUESTION MIGHT ARISE, I.E., AS THE EXPULSION OF AN EXISTING MEMBER OR AS A MATTER OF CREDENTIALS.

4. EMBOFF SET FORTH US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN PARA 5, REFTEL, LAYING PARTICULAR STRESS ON POINT G. RANDEMAN PROMISED TO INFORM US AS SOON AS FONOFF VIEWS WERE FULLY CONFIDENTIAL

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COORDINATED AND WE WILL REPORT FURTHER AS APPROPRIATE. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ALONG THE LINES RAISED BY RANDEMAN IN PARA 3 ABOVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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